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SUMMARY: DAILIES FEATURED SADAT TALKS IN SAUDI ARABIA AND
FAHMY STATEMENTS ON GENEVA TO GERMAN PRESS, BUT MADE NO MEN-
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TION OF HIS AIDE'S COMMENTS ON NATURE OF PEACE (REFTEL). LOW-
KEY TREATMENT OF REMARKS BY PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECRETARY
VANCE ON MIDDLE EAST. GUMHURIYYA REPORTS THAT PALESTINIAN
REPRESENTATION PROBLEM SLOWING DOWN PEACE PROCESS, BUT
PRESIDENT CARTER LOOKING FOR NEW FORMULA. ISRAEL SAID TO BE
PREPARING FOR WAR AND RABAT SUMMIT MILITARY AID PAYMENTS WILL
BE RESUMED. END SUMMARY.

1. SADAT DIPLOMACY. HEAVY COVERAGE NOVEMBER 3 PLAYED UP SADAT TALKS WITH KHALID AND FADH "FROM PERSPECTIVE OF EGYPTIAN-U.S. AND SAUDI-U.S. CONTACTS", "COORDINATION OF ARAB STRATEGY" (AKHBAR RED BANNER) AND BILATERAL RELATIONS. "SPECIAL ATTENTION" GIVEN PALESTINIAN SITUATION BUT NEITHER SADAT NOR SAUDIS QUOTED.

2. FAHMY ON GENEVA. ALL DAILIES FEATURED PARTIAL REPORT OF FAHMY STATEMENTS TO GERMAN PAPER (REFTEL). SELECTED FOR BANNER HEADLINES "NO GENEVA BEFORE AGREEMENT ON CORE ISSUES OF WITHDRAWAL AND RECOGNITION OF PALESTINIAN RIGHT TO NATIONAL HOME." ALSO HIGHLIGHTED COMMENT THAT GENEVA CANNOT BE HELD IF ISREALIS INSIST ON REJECTING PLO PARTICIPATION "IN ANY FORM". NO MENTION IN PRESS OF USAMA EL BAZ REMARKS ON NATURE OF PEACE (REFTEL).

3. U.S. REMARKS BY PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECRETARY VANCE GIVEN STRAIGHTFORWARD, LOW-KEY TREATMENT. ONLY AKHBAR COVERED PRESIDENT'S SPEECH TO WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS. REPORTED HE SAID THAT U.S. GUARANTEES ISRAELI SURVIVAL BUT THAT RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE MUST BE RESPECTED AND WENT ON TO CRITICIZE ISRAELI SETTLEMENT POLICY. BROADER COVERAGE WENT TO SECRETARY VANCE COMMENTS THAT U.S. AIMING FOR GENEVA BEFORE END OF YEAR AND THAT THREE MAIN SUBJECTS ARE (A) NATURE OF PEACE, (B) ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL AND DEFINITION OF BORDERS AND (C) PALESTINIAN PROBLEM.

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4. IN LENGTHY ARTICLE GUMHURIYYA'S HODA TAWFIK QUOTED RELIABLE WASHINGTON SOURCE THAT "THINGS MOVING BUT WITH GREAT DIFFICULTY". PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION MAIN PROBLEM BUT SOURCE EMPHASIZED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER DETERMINED CONTINUE UTMOST EFFORTS "WITHIN HIS LIMITS OF ACTION". WASHINGTON'S INTENSIVE CONTACTS WITH BOTH SIDES AIM AT DEVISING "NEW FORMULA" FOR PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION WHICH WOULD SERVE AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION AT TUNIS ARAB FM CONFERENCE TO PRODUCE COMMON ARAB POSITION. HODA MAINTAINED THAT PEACE PROCESS SHIFTING FOCUS FROM PROCEDURE TO SPECIFIC ISSUES, CITING IN EVIDENCE SADAT'S DECLARATION THAT EGYPT WILL NOT GO TO GENEVA IN ABSENCE OF PROPER PREPARATION. REASON FOR SHIFT WAS SECOND U.S. WORKING PAPER WHICH ATTEMPTED TO AVOID FACING PALESTINIAN QUESTION BY DISCUSSION OF PROCEDURE. HENCE, EGYPTIAN REPLY THAT FORMULA NOT SUITABLE. ACCORDING HODA, U.S. FULLY CONVINCED OF THIS LOGIC.

5. ISRAEL. WEEKLY AKHIR SAA CLAIMED "U.S. INTELLIGENCE" HAS REVEALED EXTENSIVE ISRAELI PREPARATION FOR WAR. INFORMATION ON ISRAELI PREPARATIONS COMPLETELY AVAILABLE TO EGYPT AND SYRAI. AT SECRET MEETING BETWEEN DAYAN AND JEWISH COMMUNITY

IN NEW YORK, DAYAN REPORTEDLY SAID ISRAEL PREPARING TO IMPOSE PEACE ON ARABS BY FORCE AND MAKING COMPREHENSIVE PREPARATION FOR FIFTH WAR. DAYAN TOLD JEWISH COMMUNITY THAT ISRAEL WOULD REALIZE ITS GOALS BY SURPRISE. AKHIR SAA SAID DIPLOMATIC SOURCES BELIEVE DAYAN REMARKS INTENDED INCITE JEWS "TO PRACTICE MORE ZIONIST PRESSURE ON U.S." AKHBAR EDITORIALIZED THAT ISRAEL SEEKING OFFICIAL VATICAN REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF ARCHBISHOP CAPUCCI IN ATTEMPT ELICIT TACIT VATICAN RECOGNITION OF STATE OF ISRAEL. AT MINIMUM, ISRAELI GOAL IS TO PREVENT ANY VATICAN UNDERSTANDING OR SYMPATHY FOR PALESTINIAN POSITION.

6. ARAB ASSISTANCE. AHRAM REPORTS DECISION RESUME 1974 RABAT SUMMIT MILITARY AID PAYMENTS TO EGYPT, SYRIA, JORDAN AND PLO (SEPTEL. TOTAL SAID TO BE BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POCKETS OF SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT, UAE AND QATAR. ALGERIA AND IRAQ, WHO HAD TAKEN POSSIBILITY OF CONTRIBUTING UNDER STUDY, STILL TO BE HEARD FROM. EILTS

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